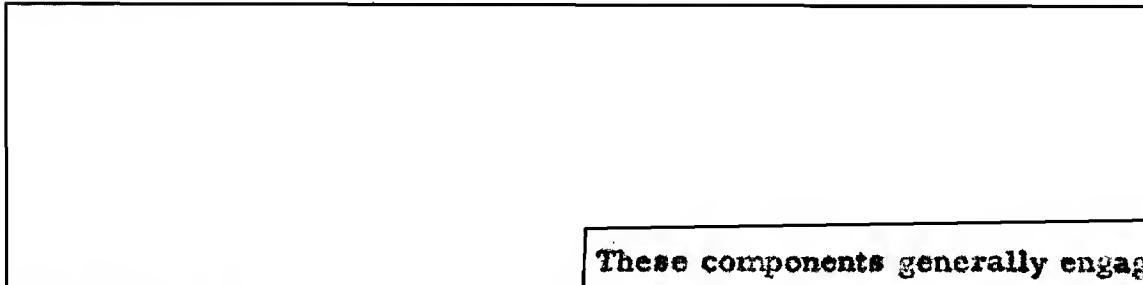


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Memorandum of Understanding

1. The effectiveness and efficiency of technical support to the Plans Directorate may be improved by more integrated planning and execution of the total R&D program in which TSD and ORD both have a part.



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These components generally engage in the engineering application of technology to provide needed equipment and techniques.

3. ORD is generally responsible for conducting research and exploratory development in broad support of technical components of the Agency whose primary concern is along engineering lines. It is recognized that a number of factors such as security may, from time to time, justify the conduct of engineering work by ORD and conversely research for exploratory development may be conducted by one of the engineering organizations which directly support the Agency operating components.

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4. It is the responsibility of the engineering components to identify and consolidate the technical needs of the components they support. In accordance with the broad guidance provided from the Directorates, the engineering elements will establish relative priorities and schedules for technical work and forecast the needs for the support which they need from ORD.

5. In many ways the interface between ORD and other technical components is not unlike the interface which exists in military organizations between infantry units, and supporting elements such as artillery, aviation, etc. From time to time, e.g., if ORD is conducting an engineering task, the ORD effort may directly support a TSD need and ORD is responsible to TSD in terms of schedule, performance, etc. Usually, however, the ORD engages in support of a broader nature, and the input from the other technical components is in terms of guidance and recommendations. ORD consolidates these needs and retains considerable independence in the conduct of research and exploratory development to satisfy these needs.

6. It is essential that areas of technical effort be jointly planned by TSD and ORD officers whenever ORD support is envisioned. Full overview of the pertinent area of ORD work will be provided to the technical officer representing TSD: to the degree which operational

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security and other factors permit, the ORD officer will be informed of TSD activities in order to provide a better basis of understanding. ORD will be especially responsive to items which TSD considers to be of high priority, but is not precluded from maintaining a reasonable amount of independence to pursue research which may not appear directly pertinent to TSD. Broadly, then, TSD and other technical components will describe what is needed and when it is needed, and the matter of how the problem is resolved rests largely with ORD.

7. All ORD activity relating to TSD will be tagged in the Contract Information System so that TSD can be promptly informed of any scheduled changes, or of any change in the outlook regarding the results of the work, etc. At the same time, TSD will promptly inform ORD of any significant changes in their needs so that appropriate adjustments in the ORD program can be made. Any major budget actions or other significant perturbations will be mutually reviewed and, if required, reprogramming will be instituted.

8. TSD will have full access to reports of work which ORD is conducting on their behalf and, when appropriate, attend meetings or demonstrations at contractors' facilities as arranged by the ORD Project Officer, and conversely, mutatis mutandis.

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9. In addition to the coordination of the mutual technical effort in terms of the technical fields of interest, a broader overview is desirable, and for this purpose [redacted] seminars will be conducted from time to time, but at least annually, which will be directed to the CRD programs and to the TSD needs.

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